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November 26, 2003

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO PURCHASE/FINANCE
A DIAGNOSTIC RADIOGRAPHIC AND FLUOROSCOPIC SYSTEM
AT OLIVE VIEW-UCLA MEDICAL CENTER
(Third District) (3 Votes)**

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

Approve the Director of Health Services' request to authorize the County Purchasing Agent to proceed with the solicitation and acquisition of a diagnostic radiographic and fluoroscopic system, for Olive View-UCLA Medical Center at an estimated cost of \$350,000.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION:

This request is to comply with the County Equipment Policy that your Board approved on October 16, 2001, which requires Board approval prior to a department's requesting that the Purchasing Agent initiate the solicitation and acquisition process to purchase/finance equipment with a unit cost of \$250,000 or greater.

In approving the recommended action, the Board is authorizing the purchase/finance of a diagnostic radiographic and fluoroscopic system for Olive View-UCLA Medical Center (OVMC). The purchasing/financing of such a diagnostic radiographic and fluoroscopic system (System) will allow the OVMC Radiology Department to replace obsolete equipment which is over 16 years old, while improving patient care by providing state of the art digital imaging technology.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

This action meets the County's Strategic Plan Goals of Service Excellence in promoting best practices for patient care by using modern technology and to be more efficient and versatile, resulting in more rapid patient throughput.

Consistency with DHS System Redesign

This action meets the Department's strategic goals by improving the quality of health care provided by DHS and enhancing the health care of the residents of Los Angeles County.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:

The total estimated net County cost for the System is \$350,000, funding of which is part of the Department's Fiscal Year 2003-04 Adopted Budget. The System will be purchased through the Los Angeles County Capital Asset Leasing (LAC+ CAL) program.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS:

On October 16, 2001, the Board approved the classification categories for fixed assets and new requirements for major fixed asset acquisitions requiring County Departments to obtain Board approval to purchase or finance equipment with a unit cost of \$250,000, or greater, prior to submitting their request to the Purchasing Agent.

The System will provide state of the art digital imaging capabilities which will be interfaced with an existing computer radiography and teleradiology system allowing for the digital images to be viewed by physicians at various locations within the OVMC. Furthermore, with a newer system the total time for a fluoroscopic procedure is estimated to be reduced by 75%, while reducing patient and technologist radiation level exposure by the same percentage.

This is a commodity purchase under the statutory authority of the County Purchasing Agent. This purchase will be requisitioned through and accomplished by the County Purchasing Agent in accordance with the County's purchasing policies and procedures, as established by County's Internal Services Department (ISD).

A room refurbishment project in the amount of \$69,000 will be necessary in order to allow for the installation of the diagnostic radiographic and fluoroscopic system equipment. Funding for the refurbishment will be provided through OVMC's Services and Supply budget.

CONTRACTING PROCESS:

Not applicable.

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IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS):

Approval of the recommended action will ensure that updated and improved diagnostic radiographic and fluoroscope system services continue to be provided to County patients without interruption.

When approved, this Department requires three signed copies of the Board's action.

Respectfully submitted,



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